

I claim:

1. An elastic headband device with integrated audio system comprising:
  - a stretchable cloth member sized and shaped for positioning about the head and ears of an individual wearer, said cloth member having a central cavity throughout with first and second side portions and a rear portion;
  - a pair of audio speaker elements removably disposed within the central cavity of said cloth member at said first and second side portions;
  - a mechanism for adjusting the relative position of each said audio speaker element within said central cavity at its respective side portion to position each element opposite an ear opening of an individual wearer;
  - a central aperture positioned at said cloth member rear portion accessing said central cavity; and
  - a plurality of speaker wires attached to said audio speaker elements within said cloth member central cavity and exiting through said central aperture at said rear portion for connection to an audio generation system.
2. The headband device as claimed in claim 1, wherein said cloth member comprises material adapted to provide sweat absorption as well as warmth protection to the head and ears of an individual wearer.
3. The headband device as claimed in claim 2, wherein said cloth material comprises an inner and an outer layer secured together to form said central cavity.

4. The headband device as claimed in claim 3, wherein said audio speaker elements are disposed between said inner and outer layers of cloth.
5. The headband device as claimed in claim 1, wherein said adjustment mechanism comprises a pair of attachment elements for adjustably positioning said audio speaker elements in said cavity opposite the ear openings of an individual wearer.
6. The headband device as claimed in claim 5, wherein said attachment elements comprised a pair of hook and loop members secured to said cloth member and to said speaker elements for selectively positioning and securing said audio speaker elements in said cavity.
7. The headband device as claimed in claim 5, wherein said attachment elements comprised a plurality of snap lock members secured to said cloth member and to said speaker elements for selectively positioning and securing said audio speaker elements in said cavity.
8. The headband device as claimed in claim 5, wherein said adjustment mechanism further comprises a pair of sleeve members each adapted to selectively contain one said audio speaker element, each said sleeve member being selectively positioned and secured in said cavity by one said attachment element.

9. The headband device as claimed in claim 8, wherein said sleeve elements are adjustably positioned within said cavity to enable placement of said audio speaker elements opposite the ear openings of an individual wearer.
10. The headband device as claimed in claim 1, wherein said audio speaker elements are removably secured within said cavity to enable adjustable positioning within said cavity as well as removal through said central aperture for washing of said cloth member.
11. A combination headband and earphone device comprising:
- a cloth headband sized and shaped for placement around the head and over the ears of an individual and including first and second side portions for covering the individual's ears, a front portion for covering the forehead of the individual and a rear portion, said headband having inner and outer layers forming a central cavity throughout said first and second side portions and said rear portion;
  - a pair of audio speakers removably disposed within the central cavity of said headband at said first and second side portions;
  - adjustment elements disposed at the relative positions of each said audio speaker within said central cavity at said respective side portions to adjustably position each speaker opposite an ear opening of an individual wearing said headband;
  - a central opening located at said headband rear portion for accessing said central cavity; and

a plurality of speaker wires attached to said audio speakers within said headband central cavity and exiting through said central opening at said rear portion for connection to an audio generation system carried by the individual wearing said headband.

12. The combination device as claimed in claim 11, wherein said headband comprises material adapted to provide sweat absorption as well as warmth projection to the head and ears of an individual wearing said device, said cloth material having an inner and an outer layer secured together to form said central cavity for housing said audio speakers.
13. The combination device as claimed in claim 12, wherein said adjustment elements comprise a plurality of attachment members at each said side portion within said cavity for adjustably and removably positioning said audio speakers in said cavity opposite the ear openings of any particular individual wearing the device.
14. The combination device as claimed in claim 13, wherein said attachment members are selected from the group consisting of hook and loop fasteners and snap lock connectors.
15. The combination device as claimed in claim 13, wherein said adjustment elements further comprise a pair of sleeve members each adapted to selectively contain one said audio speaker, each said sleeve member being selectively secured in and adjustably positioned within said cavity by at least one said attachment element to enable placement of said

audio speakers opposite the ear openings of any individual wearing said device.

16. An ear protection device adapted for housing an audio system comprising:

a cloth headband sized and shaped for positioning about the head and ears of an individual wearer, said cloth headband having sufficient elasticity to permit placement over a plurality of different size heads and including first and second side portions for covering an individual's ears, a front portion for covering an individual's forehead, and a rear portion;

a central cavity defined within said headband side and rear portions;

a central aperture positioned at said cloth headband rear portion accessing said central cavity; and

a mechanism for selectively attaching and adjustably positioning sound emitting elements in said central cavity at said side portions.

17. The device as claimed in claim 16, wherein said sound emitting elements comprise a pair of audio speaker members removably disposed within the central cavity of said cloth headband at said first and second side portions proximate the ears of an individual wearer.

18. The device as claimed in claim 17, wherein said device further includes a plurality of speaker wires attached to said audio speaker members within said headband central cavity and exiting through said central aperture at said

rear portion for connection to an audio generation system carried by the individual wearer.

19. The device as claimed in claim 16, wherein said cloth headband comprises material adapted to provide sweat absorption as well as warmth projection to the head and ears of an individual wearer, said cloth material having an inner and an outer layer secured together to form said central cavity.

20. The headband and earphone device as claimed in claim 19, wherein said attachment mechanism comprises a pair of attachment elements disposed in said side portions for adjustably positioning said sound emitting elements in said cavity opposite the ear openings of an individual wearer.